

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 26: LABOR AND INDUSTRY
Chapter 7: EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

§689. VIOLATION AND REMEDIES

This section governs the enforcement of this subchapter. [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]

1. Remedies. Any employer who violates this subchapter is liable to any employee subjected to discipline or discharge based on that violation for:

- A. An amount equal to 3 times any lost wages; [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]
- B. Reinstatement of the employee to the employee's job with full benefits; [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]
- C. Court costs; and [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]
- D. Reasonable attorney's fees, as set by the court. [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]

[1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF) .]

2. Breach of confidentiality. In addition to the liability imposed under subsection 1, any person who violates section 684, subsection 4, paragraph C, or section 685, subsection 3:

- A. For the first offense, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000, payable to the affected employee, to be recovered in a civil action; and [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]
- B. For any subsequent offense, is subject to a civil penalty of \$2,000, payable to the affected employee, to be recovered in a civil action. [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]

[1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF) .]

3. Harassment. In addition to the liability imposed under subsection 1, any employer who requires or repeatedly attempts to require an employee or applicant to submit to a substance abuse test under conditions that would not justify the test under this subchapter or who without substantial justification repeatedly requires an employee to submit to a substance abuse test under section 684, subsection 3:

- A. Is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000, payable to the affected employee, to be recovered in a civil action; and [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]
- B. For any subsequent offense against the same employee, is subject to a civil penalty of \$2,000, payable to the affected employee, to be recovered in a civil action. [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]

[1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF) .]

4. Enforcement. The Department of Labor or the affected employee or employees may enforce this subchapter. The department may:

A. Collect the judgment on behalf of the employee or employees; and [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]

B. Supervise the payment of the judgment and the reinstatement of the employee or employees. [1989, c. 536, §§1, 2 (NEW); 1989, c. 604, §§2, 3 (AFF).]

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SECTION HISTORY

1989, c. 536, §§1,2 (NEW). 1989, c. 604, §§2,3 (AMD).

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